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August 13, 2015

Federal Communications Commission  
Attn: Tom Wheeler, Chairman  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Proceeding No. 15-149

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

I am writing in support of the Charter Communications proposed merger with Time Warner Cable (TWC) and Bright House Networks (BHN). If this merger is approved, New Charter will serve under 30 percent of the country's broadband customers who receive broadband at 25/3 Mbps and above. Moreover, Time Warner Cable call center jobs will return to the United States, prompting the training of thousands of new employees for customer service call centers and field technician operations. This change will not only improve customer service, but will also create desirable job opportunities for thousands of Americans.

Charter has kept their promise not to block or slow down internet traffic and do not engage in paid prioritization. They are dedicated to keeping these high standards and remain committed to a free and open internet moving forward. Furthermore, New Charter will own no national video programming, which serves as an additional indicator that they would not favor any particular programming offered to their customers.

Currently, Charter offers a minimum broadband speed of 60 Mbps for less money than both Time Warner Cable's and Bright House Network's comparable offering with uniform pricing and fees across its service areas. After the transaction, New Charter will offer the same services to TWC and BHN customers, regardless of location.

For these reasons, I support the proposed merger and respectfully request that you approve it in a judicious and efficient manner.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly or my chief of staff, Christina Nelson at 916-319-2023. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Patterson", written over a horizontal line.

Jim Patterson  
Vice Chair, Assembly Committee on Utilities & Commerce  
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